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**ISSUE:**

Approve an Ordinance amending Section 17-31-104 of Title 17 of the West Valley City Municipal Code regarding the fines for Notices of Violation and Administrative Citations on Rental Dwelling Units.

**SYNOPSIS:**

It is recommended that language be included in the Code to include “up to” on the fine amounts.

**BACKGROUND:**

Research was done on cases where fines were considered potentially “excessive” and it was based on this research that we desire to amend Section 17-31-104 of Title 17. Including the text “up to” on the fines will allow the City Attorney’s Office to employ greater discretion, in court or through settlement negotiations, to determine an appropriate fine amount for the gravity of the offense. The Notices of Violation and Administrative Citations shall still be issued for the full amount; this text shall only affect those cases where other equitable factors are evidenced by the landlord.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve ordinance amending Section 17-31-104 of Title 17 of the West Valley City Municipal Code.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Claire Gillmor, Assistant City Attorney